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Western Pastor's School

The LaForet school will be held this year July 6—August 3. Kansas can send six to eight ministers for which room, board and transportation, in excess of $15.00 will be paid by the Board of Home Missions.

Outstanding leadership will include Dr. Stanley U. North, Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, Dr. Allen Wehrli, Vernon Loescher, Howard Stone Anderson, Grace Storms and Dr. Henry Smith Leiper.

If interested in attending the 1955 Pastor's School, write the Conference Office for an application blank.

Regional Christian Education Workshop

This annual training session will again be held at LaForet. The dates are August 3 - 7. The Rev. Cyril M. Hicks is Chairman of the Planning Committee and Mrs. C. E. Georgeson represents Kansas on the committee.

Midwinter Meetings

Representing Kansas at the various meetings held in Cleveland in late January were: Mrs. C. E. Georgeson of Lenora, Mrs. E. C. Garrison of Osborne, Mrs. Gordon Lancaster of Topeka Seaman, Mrs. John W. Gibson and Mrs. R. H. Garvey of Wichita Plymouth, Mr. Roscoe Graves of Emporia and Sup't. L. M. Rymph.

A Boy and A Girl

Captain and Mrs. Roy B. Coffey, (Elaine Rymph) of Casablanca, French Morroco announce the birth of a son, Charles Roy, on January 3. Dr. Coffey is Chief of Surgeons at the U.S.A.F. Hospital there.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bradshaw, (Evelyn Millison) announce the arrival of a daughter, Margaret Laurel at Norwich Town, Conn., January 21.

Cover Page

Our cover picture is one taken by the Rev. Robert E. Gurtler after Bobby, age 5, had the thrilling experience of having his baby brother Mark, then 9 months, fall asleep on his lap.

Osborne United

In January the church paid tribute to Mrs. W. B. VanWormer who joined the Osborne Congregational Church 70 years ago. Attendance has been good at Family Night Mission Study sessions which are being held for six weeks with a class for every age group. The church recently received the gift of a 160 acre farm from the late Anna Kohlas who passed away in late January.

Stanley

The minister, the Rev. Franklyn Jost reports receiving 10 new members early in January. Another recent highlight was the visit of Alice Huggins on January 9. In her dramatic way Miss Huggins stated: "I am not afraid of the Communists; we have God on our side."

College Retreat in Topeka

Some 25 college youths with their leaders held a two-day retreat at the Rymph's Feb. 5 and 6.

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LENTEN MESSAGE

George Ogden Kirk

The Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday is observed all over the world by Christians as a time to take spiritual inventory. To some minds, the emphasis is upon personal disciplines whereby things such as bad habits is more positive and an effort is made to bring into life some enriching experiences without which one has lived too long. Whichever emphasis is yours, there could be spiritual therapy which might bring to you a grasp of life and appreciation of the spiritual insights so that Easter would bring a resurrection of the best in you.

To get a good look at the spirit that should permeate the Lenten season, one should see again Christ standing before Pilate just before He is crucified. You can find in your own life the characteristics which are represented by the different people whose very presence in that scene is a symbol of good or evil. Pilate stands as the symbol of what happens to a guilty conscience. He has a frightened mind, and his ability to weigh evidence was prejudiced by his own insecurity. He kept asking himself the question, "Where will I come out?" This always is the question of the guilty. A compromised consicence is as devastating as typhoid fever. It steals energy, it brings hallucinations. No one can be at his best whose heart is not pure. The gospel also says that the wages of sin are death. No sudden death by accident can be as disastrous as slow lingering death of the spirit infected by its own evil.

Death to courage comes first. The Psalmist said, "His strength is as the strength of ten, whose heart is pure." He knew the inevitable devastation of inner hypocrisy. He whose house is haunted by unwelcome ghosts of things that never should have been, lives always with the terror of exposure of his crimes. No one can concentrate on life and its wonder, whose whole gaze is over his own shoulder, as he tries to flee from the past.

Death to ideals soon follows that of courage. The cause of righteousness is always weakened by the broken armor of its mates. They would fight bravely if they only could, but the enemy within is allied with the enemy without. We would fight for ideals that we know, except for all past compromising, which puts handcuffs on our hands and gags upon our mouths. Sometimes our pasts make infamy of truths. So false have been our deeds, that striving for the truth would seem hypocrisy. So now through the Lenten Season, there comes the challenge and opportunity for new insights of the truth. We enter upon a quest, and as we move through the lost caverns of the soul, we are on our way to find the power of a Living God.

A Month for Advance

Our denomination's official magazine has a tremendously challenging title — "Advance."

No other fellowship in Protestantism has so brave a flag at its masthead. It is successor to "The Missionary Herald" the oldest religious publication in these United States. How can we make the people of our churches more aware of the worth of this bi-monthly magazine?

Does your church give a year's subscription to Advance to its new officers? Many give a year's subscription to every new family joining the church. Other churches build up a 10% of membership subscription list and thus qualify for the special $2.00 a year rate. Whatever your method, won't you make the people in your church, Advance Conscious?

Write, Advance, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. for suggestions, printed material and subscription blanks.

Pastoral Changes

Newton Calls Railsbach

The Rev. David Railsbach, formerly Minister of the Open Door Congregational Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, began leadership at our Newton Church the last Sunday in January. He earned his A.B. at Denison University and later attended Yale Divinity School and Union Seminary.

The Railsbach's have two children—John David, age 7, and Beth, age 4. The Newton parsonage was completely remodeled before their coming. A new refrigerator was furnished by The Couples Club.

Wisegarver Serving Athol

The Rev. Harald Wisegarver, pastor at Smith Center, is now serving our Athol Church, some 10 miles distant. Mr. Wisegarver will hold an early worship service each Sunday Morning and do some pastoral work each week.

At the Annual Meeting held at Athol on January 13, the men served an oyster supper.

Interim Minister

The Rev. Herbert E. Duncan, for six years Minister of the First Congergational Church in Kansas City, Missouri, is serving as interim minister at Prairie Village. Since his ministry at First Congregational, he has established his own firm as an architect. He was a delegate to the International Congregational Council at St. Andrews, Scotland in 1953. The Duncan's have a married son who is an architect, a second son who is a medical student at K.U., and a daughter, Carol, who is in high school.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Curless

Coming to Gayord

Candidating at Gaylord on January 25, the Rev. Roy Curless of Mellen, Wisconsin, received a unanimous call to begin work there right after Easter. Having served churches in Wisconsin for 25 years, Mr. and Mrs. Curless are eager to come to live where the winters are less severe.

A married son with his family are in the regular army stationed at Fort Riley. A married daughter lives at Hartford, Wisconsin.

Under Mr. Curless' leadership at Mellen, improvements costing $16,000 have been made on the church and parsonage.

Wakefield Calls Minister

The Rev. Marvin Hein, for the past year supply minister at Wakefield, was given a unanimous call to become regular minister following receipt of his B.D. degree from Central Baptist Seminary at Kansas City this spring. Mr. Hein is a native of Fairview, Oklahoma. He graduated from Tabor College in 1951 following three years of government service. The Hein's have two blond, blue-eyed daughters, Patti Gail, six years of age, and Penny Gay, three years of age.

During their period of serving as supply leadership at Wakefield, they have endeared themselves to the people of the church and community. Church attendance is averaging considerably more than 100 each Sunday.

Leavenworth

Two important committees are at work in the Evangelical-Congregational Church where the Rev. Robert Baker is minister. Mrs. J. O. Fisher heads a committee studying buildings in an attempt to decide whether to use one or the other, both or neither. Another committee headed by Mr. Raymond Zoeller is studying the opportunities, purpose and program of the church.

Seneca Cooperation

Congregational and Methodist youth groups and choirs joined forces for two evenings singing carols to shut-ins and sick of the community.

Lincoln

Extensive improvements include a new vestibule and entrance to the basement, new altar arrangements and some redecoration. Church attendance is on the increase numbering 163 recently.

Birthday Gift at Towanda

At a Christmas program at Towanda a goal of 1,954 pennies for each year since Christ's birth was exceeded with a total of 2,893 pennies received to help in overseas relief. The Rev. John H. Jones, minister of the church underwent surgery in Wichita, Feb. 2.

Olive Hill Leaders

The Rev. Miss Irene Reiber and Patricia Nordin are giving leadership to this rural church near the Nebraska line, north of Mankato. The parsonage where they live next door to the church has recently been redecorated.

Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

Conservation of Youth

It is well known that the average church loses far too many of her youth, during or right after their high school years. Many of them "find" the church again five to fifteen years later when they begin "sending" their own children to Church school or are contacted by a subsequent pastor, active laymen or visitation evangelism team. Belatedly, they come to a more sober realization of their need of the church and the possession of an active faith. They discover the church also needs them. Must we lose these people during their most active years?

As Congregationalists, many of us recoil from the thought of child evangelism. We associate it only with the emotional bath and pressure tactics of a more superficial religious outlook. However, the implifications of this term are to be reckoned with, interpreted, and applied. Pilgrim Series studies and Pilgrim Fellowship are answers, but only when they are used best and under the guidance of devoted Christians. Let us be aware of the youth and the place of youth in our concern for evangelism. Communists and Facists have made the reaching and winning of young people primary.

Does our church present its younger people with a concern that will be a progressive realization of satisfied intellectual hunger, progressive self discipline, socialization, self realization, and spiritual sensitivity. Do we impress our youth with a church of such moral that they are unembarrassed and glad to invite non-church friends to the church meetings they attend? Is there a place for them in our services and are their faces seen in worship? If this is not true, perhaps our intra-church atmosphere and fellowship is such that it is neither challenging nor related to youth. Is the choir composed only of candidates for the "Townsend Club" or is there a genuine welcome to the inexperienced but eager voices of youth?

Finally, do we bring youth as an inward conviction that their life is to be lived within the circle of the will of God and the purposes of Christ. . . . Can they stand solidly for convictions in this day and not be made giddy by the many aspects of group pressures . . . or have we helped them to be the formulators of group thinking in their high schools and social encounters. We do have some young people of this latter type — the concern of the Christian Witness is that we have more of them!

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1955 Family Camp

A contract has been signd to hold a tri-state Family Camp at Estes Park, July 24-30, 1955. The contract provides that four sleeping cabins, each to house 2 families, will be available in addition to the facilities used last year. This will adequately provide for 26 families.

In addition to the five leadership families, 7 families from each state— Kansas — Nebraska and Colorado — can attend.

More details will be given in a Family Camp folder to be available in March.

One Great Hour of Sharing
March 20, 1955

Filmstrips available for promotion. Write the Conference office.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President **Peggy Epps, Secretary**

Nancy Kay — Eastern President

Junior Hi Camp Limited

Due to the over-crowded condition in the Junior High Camp at Wa-Shun-Ga the past few years, the attendance in 1955 will be limited to next year's 8th and 9th graders only. This means that those completing the 6th grade this year will not be eligible for the Jr. Hi Camp to be held at Wa-Shun-Ga, June 12-18.

We regret the necessity of this limitation. We have contracted for an additional week at Wa-Shun-Ga in 1956, but were unable to make such arrangements for this coming summer.

Rallies

A large group attended the Junior-Senior Rally at Kinsley on January 31. Following a song fest, discussion groups were led by Rev. Hans Poppe, Mr. and Mrs. Felton of Great Bend and Rev. and Mrs. White of the Host Church. After supper the evening program included stunts, singing and a closing worship service.

Southern Rally will be held at Kiowa, February 26 and 27.

Eastern dates are March 18 and 19 at Topeka First, instead of March 25 and 26 as previously announced.

Centralia

P.F.ers delivered 10 baskets to elderly shut-ins at Thanksgiving time and carrolled at Christmas time. They also sacked the Church School Christmas candy. On Jan. 27, the Sr. P.F. served a chili and vegatable soup supper.

Shirley Phetteplace

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Carl Althaus
President

Bill Cribbs
Vice President

Ralph Ewing
Secretary-Treasurer

Registrations for Chicago

We are delighted to report 22 advance registrations from Kansas for the first Nation-wide Laymen's Convention to be held in Chicago, Feb. 25-27. Only New York and Wisconsin have more as we go to press. Following are the names of those registered.

Fred Jarvis, Orval Reeves and Vernon Hall of Kansas City Welborn.
Lee Schmiel of United Church, of Osborne.
Robert Calderwood, Chester Milne and George Smith of Seneca.
Carl Georgeson and Leonard Cutting of Lenora.
Bob Rymph and Charles Colby of Wichita Pilgrim.
Don Maxwell of Topeka Central
Ralph Ewing of Russelll.
Carl Althaus of Lawrence Plymouth.
Mr. and Mrs. Levi Zimmerman of Whitewater.
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bidleman of Kinsley.
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wedel and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Mull of Great Bend.

There is still time to register. Send your Participation Fee of $20.00 to the Conference Office.

Men Serve Annual Meeting Supper

Headed by Jack Robertson, teacher of the young adult class at Smith Center, and Sid Scott, president of the Boosters Club, more than 100 people were served. The men not only served the meal of barbecued beef and beans, but they manned the "clean up" and paid the bills.

Minute Men

It was Baseball Night for the Minute Men of Colonial Church in Prairie Village on January 27. Charles Farmer, Business Director of the Kansas City Athletics was the speaker following a fellowship supper.

Ham Dinner

Kansas City Welborn men enjoyed a ham dinner at their monthly meeting January 27. Mr. James Tharp is President of the club.

Clifton Club

A supper round-up of the men of Wichita Plymouth was held on January 31. Pete Tillman, football coach at Wichita U., spoke. At the annual Brotherhood Banquet on February 10, Rabbi Louis Mann of Chicago spoke to 325 men.

Whitewater Men's Club

At a courtesy hot dog supper prepared by Lester Rose and Bernie Long plans were made for the second annual Father and Son banquet. Dick Magerkurth is President of the Club.

Sabetha Building Improvement

Additional rooms for Religious Education received approval by vote at the annual meeting. Rooms costing $18,000.00 will be added under the present education wing and dining room. The Rev. S. Duane Ogden is minister, Ernest Masterson, Moderator and Harvey Haines has been chairman of the Improvement Planning committee. Sabetha laymen had a meeting in January to make plans for organizing a men's club.

The World Council and Social Action

The November issue of Social Action Magazine is given to "Evanston and Social Action". Incidentally, all who wish thorough studies of current interests would do well to subscribe to the magazine. The well informed church person can help to influence his own congregation and his town by being aware that much we hear on the radio and TV and read in newspapers is not always presented studiously. Social Action is a magazine of Christian concern and gives us thoughtful reports on many of our present day problems.

From the November issue we reprint comments of Elton Trueblood which he wrote as one of the evaluations of Evanston. He is the Director of Religious Policy, U.S. Information Agency in Washington — a new post in our government. When he spoke to the General Council at New Haven, one thing he said was, "The new kind of layman knows that the daily practice of religion in his work and play is the only answer to the problems of today. He no longer sits back as a mere observer."

His "hopeful" comments in the magazine follow and if you locate a copy of the November issue, read it, and find a satisfying and fair evaluation of some of the discussions of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

Elton Trueblood

"We do not need to deny the importance of purely theological consideration in order to stress the importance of social issues at the great Evanston Assembly. The 'Hope' that stirred hearts most deeply was the hope of the liberation of human powers. It was a most revealing fact that the strongest and most enthusiastic evidence of audience assent came at the end of the address of Dr. Charles Malik, Ambassador from Lebanon. At the close of Dr. Malik's address on Wednesday night, August 18, the great crowd of delegates and attenders rose spontaneously and applauded for many minutes. Part of this was a tribute to a wonderful man, but more of it was a vivid way of saying that Dr. Malik had outlined the philosophy we need, in telling how the Christian religion may become the means of helping the submerged peoples of Asia and Africa to attain the dignity of life which God evidently wills for all His children everywhere.

The entire Assembly was an example of social action in the matter of race. Even the casual visitor was impressed with the degree to which the Christian movement is not Anglo-Saxon, but broadly human. The way people mingled in the eating places and on the buses as well as in public meetings, was just as important as what was said. It was incrasingly obvious that the peoples who have been the recipients of the generosity of the West are now producing.

The world has tended to over-emphasize the differences at Evanston between those who believe that the Kingdom can come now and those who believe that we must wait for God's action. This difference undoubtedly exists, but there is one subject on which all are and were agreed: the necessity for Christians to try to bring a maximum of freedom and dignity to human lives as soon as possible."

Kate Lee Ewing (Mrs. Ralph)
Women's Social Action
Chairman

Women at State Conference

Now is the time to start your State Conference plans. I hope we can have every President of every local fellowship at our Conference to be held in Garden City, May 3, 4 and 5.

Plans are under way to have the Dedication of our Woman's Gift at the general session, Wednesday night. We are asking all presidents to take part in the processional. Miss Elsie Farris, Long Beach, California will be our Guest Speaker.

Had A Good Program?

If so, why not share it with others? Our National Program Committee is constantly on the look-out for good program material. Send outlines of unique or original ideas to me and I will send them on.

Mrs. E. C. Garrison,
Women's President

Any Quilts to Quilt?

Garfield women love to quilt, but have run out of quilts. If any women in other churches have need for quilting, please write Mrs. Malcolm White. Kinsley, Kansas, and she will contact the Garfield women.

American Board Yearbook

This worthwhile listing of all our American Board missionaries plus a Prayer Calendar for 1955 is available for only 25 cents. Send for yours — American Board, Room 102, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.

Kinsley Women Report

A calling committee made 43 calls on behalf of the church. At Christmas time letters and cards were sent to older members residing elsewhere, and 15 shut-ins were remembered with a red rose and a personal visit. A large box of good used clothing was sent to Delmo. In fellowship hall new venetian blinds and new storage cabinets were added.

Church Plates

In recent months, we have become the proud possessors of four lovely plates, each imprinted with the picture of one of our Congregational churches. It has given us a "yen" to add such mementos from other churches in our Kansas family where plates are available. Our collection now includes plates from Russell, Lenora, Manhattan and Wichita Fairmount. If your church has a plate, won't you let us know about it, and we will be happy to send the purchase price, and cherish the plate "among our souvenirs".

The Rymph's.

Needed at Wai Hospital, India. Can You Help?

4	screens	$ 140
40	lockers	530
2	Coleman pressure lamps	55
5	Basin stands	65
6	I. V. stands	63
1	Instrument supboard	150
2	Wheel Chairs	98
2	Stretchers	350
1	Orthopaedic Table	760
1	Dermatome	190
1	Operating Room Table	1,200
1	Sterlizing Equipment	1,700
1	Pr. Lead-rubber aprons for X-ray room	60
1	Electric Suction Pump	180
	Operating Room instruments	210
1	Microscope with dark ground assembly	335
	Medical Books	125

For further details write the American Board.

One Great Hour Filmstrips

"The Travelin' Man" for children.
"Close Up" for adults.
Write the Conference Office.

Christian Education

The Cleveland Midwinter Meetings

A Rare Experience

I was happy to represent Kansas at the Christian Education Council held in Cleveland, January 19 and 22. I was able also to attend some meetings of the Women's State Presidents and the Mission Council. Many exciting things are happening in our fellowship and it is very revealing to know how much planning, careful consideration and hard work go into every project and decision. Christian Education is a great field with many possibilities. There is great need for lay understanding and participation. In the months just ahead while our own state conference is without a special Christian Education staff member, we can do much to help in our churches, in our associations and in the conference. It is a pleasure for me to share with you some insights from the Cleveland meeting.

Sunday School Convention

Teachers and workers in each local church have a rare opportunity this summer to get tremendous help and inspiration from the International Sunday School Convention to be held in Cleveland, July 27-28. Dr. Ralph Sockman, Harold Stassen and outstanding leaders of many denominations will be featured on the program. In addition to the general sessions, each afternoon may be spent in a denominational group and a part of each morning in a special interest group. Additional information and registration blanks may be secured from the Conference Office.

All Church Project

Every church using Pilgrim Series should take a careful look at the all-church project in the Winter Program. Persons who have seen this project carried out, say it is very worthwhile. A reading of the Gospels to be held during the Lenten period, perhaps the first Sunday in Lent, February 27, could be a thrilling experience for any church. Such detailed and comprehensive directions are given that any church, regardless of size, could adapt the Gospel reading project. The service could be closed with a communion service. Carefully done, this Gospel Reading would be a very moving experience in your church.

Vacation School Clinics

These clinics sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches will be held this year March 8-18 at the following places:

MARCH 8: Liberal—Methodist
Coldwater—Methodist
Newton—E.U.B.
Chanute—First Methodist
Emporia-First Christian

MARCH 9: Garden City—Cong'l.
Pratt—Christian
Eldorado—Presbyterian
Independence—First Christian
Ottawa—First Methodist

MARCH 10: Scott City—Christian
Hutchinson—First Methodist
Winfield—First Christian
Columbus—Methodist
Johnson County—Countryside Christian

MARCH 11: Dodge City—
Presbyterian
McPherson—1st Methodist
Harper—Methodist
Ft. Scott—E.U.B.
K.C.K.—Grandview Christian

MARCH 15: Oakley—Methodist
Great Bend—Presbyterian
Osborne—United
Topeka-Lowman Methodist

MARCH 16: Goodland—Methodist
Bazine—Methodist
Concordia—Methodist
Manhattan—First Baptist

MARCH 17: Oberlin—Presbyterian
Hays—Methodist
Abilene—Presbyterian
Hiawatha—Methodist

MARCH 18: Phillipsburg—Methodist
Ellsworth—Presbyterian
Clay Center—Methodist
Holton—Methodist

These are splendid one-day training sessions; very helpful to our leaders planning their courses. Many of our Congregational Churches have not taken advantage of the training offered in these clinics. The texts and many of the reading books are always available for inspection or purchase. Note the clinic nearest you and urge your leaders to attend.

With the varied summer schedules many church schools have been unable to use the summer quarter Pilgrim Series material. The materials are now adapted for use in Vacation Schools with guides giving suggestions for story, song, activity and worship periods. Such guides may be ordered from Pilrim Press.

New Audio Visual Helps

"Children and the Church" a new series of six filmstrips, records and guides produced by the National Council of Churches for training children's leaders are available at the Conference Office. Two of the filmstrips are for all teachers of children and the other four deal with the four departments from Nursery through Junior. They could be used in a workshop — area preview session or in a local church.

March is the month of "One Great Hour" and a new filmstrip with record has been made to explain the overwhelming need among refugees and other victims of war. The film is entitled "The Travelin' Man". It is geared for children, but adults will love it too.

Write Mrs. Rymph at the Conference Office about these new audio visual materials.

—Mrs. C. E. Georgeson

Conference A/V Catalogue

We will call to your attention the omission of two items:

First, the 30-minute movie, "Hidden Heart" which presents a typical family seeking to find a Christian philosophy of life.

Second, "Rumor Clinic" a filmstrip with script which is helpful in showing how false rumors start and spread.

Another Russell Achievement

Following more than a year of study and compilation the Russell Board of Religious Education has come up with a Parent's Manual which is outstanding. Its 10 pages include: A Welcome, Policies and Aims of the Church School, Our Program and How we Propose Carrying It out, How Our School Is Organized, Promotion, Attendance, Awards, Absenteeism, Steps in Christian Growth, Our Curriculum, If You Were To Teach, Responsibilities of a Church School Teacher.

At our request, Mr. Poppe will have extra copies at Minister's Convocation for study.

About Kansas Giving

Church	Loan Fund Declaration	Loan Fund Paid to 1955	OCWM Quota 1955	Per Capita 1955
Almena	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ 350.00	$ 32.75
Anthony	——	425.00	500.00	38.00
Athol	175.00	175.00	200.00	23.25
Bazine	250.00	85.00	——	——
Carbondale	100.00	62.50	125.00	19.50
Centralia	——	——	400.00	54.25
Council Grove	——	——	400.00	38.90
Cumberland	——	——	20.00	10.50
Dover	——	——	100.00	26.25
Downs	——	——	300.00	36.25
Ellis	800.00	——	300.00	55.50
Emporia First	1,700.00	410.00	1,750.00	129.75
Emporia Sardis	400.00	——	200.00	24.25
Eureka	900.00	935.00	600.00	57.25
Ford	920.00	920.00	450.00	36.75
Garden City	——	481.55	1,500.00	107.00
Garfield	200.00	200.00	150.00	17.25
Gaylord	——	25.00	200.00	31.25
Gorham	——	100.00	150.00	30.75
Great Bend	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	124.00
Haven	400.00	400.00	350.00	21.00
Hiawatha	——	——	80.00	15.25
Hutchinson	——	——	600.00	62.00
Independence	450.00	300.00	300.00	24.50
Kansas City 1st Pilg.	1,350.00	900.00	1,000.00	105.75
Kansas City Rosedale	900.00	506.00	600.00	66.50
Kansas City Ruby	1,000.00	666.50	500.00	71.00
Kansas City Welborn	1,500.00	1,050.00	2,000.00	171.50
Kinsley	1,000.00	1.050.00	500.00	59.00
Kiowa	——	300.00	150.00	40.50
Kirwin	——	——	100.00	19.75
Lawrence Plymouth	3,300.00	2,200.00	5,400.00	225.00
Leavenworth	——	——	400.00	27.75
Lenora	814.50	814.50	500.00	32.75
Leona	——	50.00	50.00	11.00
Lincoln	100.00	40.00	100.00	39.00
Little River	500.00	500.00	300.00	45.25
McPherson	2,000.00	1,600.00	1,000.00	86.00
Maize	400.00	400.00	250.00	27.75
Manhattan	2,000.00	2.007.00	2,000.00	100.00
Maple Hill	——	5.00	400.00	40.50

Church	*Loan Fund Declaration*	*Loan Fund Paid to 1955*	*OCWM Quota 1955*	*Per Capita 1955*
Matfield Green	——	——	50.00	15.50
Milford	250.00	250.00	350.00	27.25
Mound City	——	——	50.00	27.25
Mount Hope	——	100.00	500.00	94.25
Muscotah	300.00	150.00	200.00	29.00
Neoal	——	——	50.00	5.50
Newton	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00	51.75
Olive Hill	——	——	100.00	26.50
Onaga	500.00	300.00	400.00	73.50
Osborne	1,344.00	1,464.00	1,000.00	38.50
Ottawa	400.00	120.00	500.00	19.00
Partridge	800.00	400.00	600.00	70.00
Pleasant Hill	——	——	120.00	14.50
Pleasant Home	500.00	500.00	——	22.50
Plevna	——	86.00	120.00	33.75
Prairie Village	1,800.00	300.00	1,500.00	87.00
Russell	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,250.00	78.00
Sabetha	2,000.00	1,955.00	1,800.00	120.00
Sedgwick	200.00	53.44	200.00	31.75
Seneca	500.00	395.77	300.00	36.50
Smith Center	600.00	200.00	150.00	30.00
Stanley	500.00	312.50	400.00	36.00
St. Marys	——	——	50.00	4.75
Tonganoxie	——	48.12	300.00	37.00
Topeka Central	6,000.00	4,160.00	4,000.00	320.75
Topeka First	3,000.00	2,100.00	3,000.00	185.50
Topeka Seabrook	1,400.00	25.00	400.00	102.25
Topeka Seaman	1,200.00	800.00	1,200.00	125.50
Towanda	500.00	362.50	175.00	26.00
Udall	——	25.00	75.00	24.50
Wakefield	325.00	331.25	350.00	25.50
Wheaton	200.00	150.00	200.00	14.75
Whitewater	1,250.00	568.78	1,000.00	62.00
Wihcita Fairmount	2,000.00	600.00	2,600.00	141.50
Wichita Pilgrim	1,200.00	700.00	10%	125.00
Wichita Plymouth	7,500.00	4,948.37	9,000.00	398.75
All other gifts	——	6,979.00	——	——
TOTALS	$60,128.50	$49,992.78	$59,665.00	$4,747.90

Gleaned From 1954 Clerk's Report

Church	*Total Membership Jan. 1, 1955*	*Members Added 1954*	*Average Attendance 1954*	*Church School Enrollment*
Almena	131	7	63	176
Anthony	152	6	95	79
Athol	93	9	—	48
Carbondale	78	13	50	208
Centralia	217	5	—	180
Council Grove	158	38	75	81
Cumberland	42	7	—	70
Dover	105	10	45	48
Downs	145	24	—	104
Ellis	222	10	—	63
Emporia First	519	38	—	236
Emporia Sardis	97	3	45	55
Eureka	229	10	80	68
Ford	147	1	43	111
Garden City	428	30	—	145
Garfield	69	2	15	28
Gaylord	125	31	82	100
Gorham	123	6	46	79
Great Bend	496	23	—	271
Haven	84	13	49	89
Hiawatha	61	2	—	—
Hutchinson	248	34	145	137
Independence	98	10	55	131
Kansas City First Pilgrim	423	71	176	184
Kansas City Rosedale	266	11	150	240
Kansas City Ruby	284	41	117	203
Kansas City Welborn	686	76	315	465
Kinsley	236	24	87	139
Kiowa	162	1	69	126
Kirwin	79	5	—	—
Lawrence Plymouth	900	84	667	456
Leavenworth	111	3	—	97
Lenora	131	7	51	58
Leona	44	—	—	68
Lincoln	156	19	130	118
Little River	181	19	—	202
McPherson	344	12	130	175
Maize	111	1	70	82
Manhattan	400	27	181	150
Maple Hill	162	15	—	125
Matfield Green	62	20	52	79

Church	Total Membership Jan. 1, 1955	Members Added 1954	Average Attendance 1954	Church School Enrollment
Milford	109	12	—	71
Mound City	109	24	—	102
Mount Hope	377	11	119	204
Muscotah	116	1	—	115
Neola	22	—	13	19
Newton	207	19	—	52
Olive Hill	106	10	80	90
Onaga	294	87	97	124
Osborne	154	—	—	135
Ottawa	76	2	—	149
Partridge	280	13	—	235
Pleasant Hill	58	—	13	—
Pleasant Home	90	—	102	102
Plevna	135	5	—	93
Prairie Village	348	58	106	230
Russell	314	31	—	214
Sabetha	480	21	195	330
Sedgwick	127	—	—	99
Seneca	146	13	—	87
Smith Center	120	10	77	107
Stanley	144	—	81	167
St. Marys	19	—	23	—
Stockton	105	6	50	76
Tonganoxie	148	36	35	68
Topeka Central	1,283	17	200	367
Topeka First	742	91	304	506
Topeka Seabrook	401	117	112	387
Topeka Seaman	502	40	131	200
Towanda	104	12	—	105
Udall	98	2	—	116
Wakefield	102	—	65	111
Wheaton	59	7	30	32
Whitewater	248	11	125	169
Wichita Fairmount	566	55	188	375
Wichita Pilgrim	502	112	191	354
Wichita Plymouth	1,595	86	—	704
Others	268	—	—	120
TOTALS	19,359	1,677		11,889

NOTE—More than 1300 members were removed by death, letter and roll revision, bringing the net gain down to only 353 members.

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